

# Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 07/16/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,5-9,11-18 and 20-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Gache on 09/19/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 3 –

-- A prefabricated jail cell, comprising:

- a. a front panel;
- b. a rear panel;
- c. two side panels joining said front and rear panel, wherein each said side panel presents a continuous interior wall surface toward the interior of said cell along its entire horizontal length from said front panel to said rear panel;
- d. a roof panel joining said front, rear, and side panels at their upper edges;
- e. wherein said jail cell includes first means for connecting said front panel and one of said side panels at their juncture to an adjacently positioned second cell;

f. wherein said jail cell includes second means for connecting said rear panel and one of said side panels at their juncture to an adjacently positioned second cell, and wherein said second means comprises a flat steel connecting plate welded over adjacent surface portions of each said roof panel;

g. wherein said cell includes an additional first means located on a side opposite from said other first means to enable said front panel to connect to an adjacently located third cell, and wherein said cell includes an additional second means located on a side opposite from said other second means to enable said rear panel to connect to an adjacently located third cell; and,

h. wherein said first means comprises a front panel extension portion extending laterally outward from said front panel and a side panel support member spaced from said front panel extension portion and defining a slot positioned proximal to said extension portion and adapted to receive an interlock plate for connecting said first means to an adjacently positioned cell.

claim 4 –

- - cancel claim 4 - -

claim 5 –

in line 1, change “as recited in claim 4,” to - - as recited in claim 3, - -

in line 3 delete - - seamless - -

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claim 6 –

in line 2 delete - -seamless- -

claim 9 –

- - A prefabricated jail cell, comprising:

- a. a front panel;
- b. a rear panel;
- c. two side panels joining said front and rear panels, wherein each said side panel presents a continuous interior wall surface toward the interior of said jail cell along its entire horizontal length from said front panel to said rear panel;
- d. a roof panel joining said front, rear, and side panels at their upper edges;
- e. wherein said jail cell includes first means for connecting said front panel and one of said side panels at their juncture to an adjacently positioned second cell;
- f. wherein said jail cell includes second means for connecting said rear panel and one of said side panels at their juncture to an adjacently positioned second cell, and wherein said second means comprises a flat metal connecting plate welded over adjacent surface portions of each said roof panel; and,
- g. wherein said first means comprises a front panel extension portion extending laterally outward from said front panel and a side

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panel support member spaced from said front panel extension portion and defining a slot positioned proximal to said extension portion and adapted to receive an interlock plate for connecting said first means to an adjacently positioned cell. - -

claim 10 -

- - cancel claim 10--

claim 11 -

in line 1 change "as recited in claim 10, ' to - - as recited in claim 9, - -

claim 15 -

in line 3 delete - - seamless - -

claim 16 -

in line 5 delete - - seamless - -

claim 18 -

- -A prefabricated jail cell, comprising:

a. a front panel;

b. a rear panel;

c. two side panels joining said front and rear panels, wherein each said side panel presents a continuous interior wall surface toward the interior of said jail cell along its entire horizontal length from said front panel to said rear panel, and further wherein each said side panel includes a plurality of "C" channel shaped vertical support members welded upon the exterior of said wall surface and positioned such that

each said channel of said support member is open toward an adjacently positioned cell;

d. a roof panel joining said front, rear, and side panels at their upper edges;

e. wherein said jail cell includes first means for connecting said front panel and one of said side panels at their juncture to an adjacently positioned second cell;

f. wherein said jail cell includes second means for connecting said rear panel and one of said side panels at their juncture to an adjacently positioned second cell; and,

g. wherein said jail cell is configured to be attached to a plurality of other identical cells and said roof panel includes two parallel metal walls spaced from one another with a series of metal brackets such that one of said metal walls serves as a floor for a superiorly positioned cell. - -

claim 19 -

- - cancel claim 19 - -

claim 20 -

in line 7 delete - - and seamless- -

claim 21 -

in line 2 delete - -seamless- -

claim 23 -

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in line 2 delete - - seamless- -

claim 26 -

in line 5 delete - - and seamless - -

claim 27 -

in line 8 delete - - and seamless - -

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jessica Laux whose telephone number is 571-272-8228. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 6:30am to 2:30pm (est).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on 571-272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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